

Central Intelligence Agency  
has no Objection to Release  
Date: 2/20/03 as <sup>30</sup>  
sanitized <sup>63</sup>

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b7 fil 11 Doc 3

special sensitivity exception:  
doubtful but file  
would be restricted to  
action desk.

Black tape file: when  
records retired - uses  
agent example - used to  
hide operational relation -  
ship <sup>OR SOMETHING ELSE SENSITIVE</sup> - enveloped & sealed.  
name trace would show  
restriction.

soft file agents would  
be very very rare.  
Knows of no examples

para 4 -  
recruitment fair  
statement?

✓ he's giving us names & they  
might be possible  
recruit targets - all  
it says.

A-1 shown.

doesn't recall reading

standard report.

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to Report

dict. ?

visa applicant's contact @ DGI

DGI interview people to find  
agents.

They would have contact - they  
were "goosey" used a lot  
of consulate cover

Ascue was DGI but not positive  
personally handle?

in 65 in Mexi wife of Counsel  
was receptionist & C + VC  
were DGI & would  
speak to applicant

✓ 2 present at MUG poly  
& no idea re Oswald questions  
Doesn't remember seeing  
results.

B. p. 5 bottom 4 lns to "that point"  
"ZR" by Mirabal + Vega

means ZR NICK - special  
activity aimed at IDing  
clandestine Cuban int. net.  
ZR just the diagraph.

D shown.

he wrote it

AMNIP/1 was a G-2 defector -  
first

defected in 62 or 63

no info on LHO or JFK.

Was in asylum in Uruguay  
[SMB for 4 years or two before  
defection]

photos probably from  
LIONION.

Appropriate files: if known  
personality - there 201  
Otherwise Subject file  
on DGT/G2, Cubanovit  
etc. + names indexed.

E shown.

✓ ~ know Eustace.

Aromas ~ familiar

Proenza - heard of  
context - related to manager  
of Cubanacan Mexi?

no knowledge of Agency associa-

✓ was of ops interest.

← ~ target for recruitment  
what he aware of.

asked why of interest then  
& he asks relevance.

Item J. shown.

DE5 may be found in old  
Org. Chart - maybe FD  
he has never heard of it.

Authority to sign officals have  
been delegated most likely.

EOB - External Operations  
branch, i.e. outside of Cuba.

new author. Rovis, Dave  
long since retired

2nd person

Ch/EOB - retired

Notes of Interview of Joseph  
Piccolo at CIA Headquarters,  
11 August 1978 by HSCA staff  
members Charles Berk and  
Dan Hardway.

letter ✓

looks like a mobster in conservative  
cut 3 piece gray suit @ white  
shirt - balding - <sup>SALT + PEPPER SIDE</sup> Roman  
features. - heavy 5 o'clock shadow.  
brown eyes. gap between front teeth.

✓ Chuck explains mandate &  
purpose.

✓ Joseph S. Piccolo Jr.

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✓ Ops Officer / CIA at  
present

✓ joined 2/57

✓ one year @ Air Force after.

✓ 11/22/63 position:

support assistance analyst  
in '63 → <sup>Ops</sup> support assistant  
duties: R + A, records, tracing  
Spanish lang. analysis in  
OP SUP.

✓ subsequent  
✓ Spring '64 - ops off. training  
✓ since mainly Latin Amer.  
✓ Mex Station:  
    12/57 - 1/60  
    8/65 - 1/68

✓ some ops directed at Cuba  
    1962 - 1/68  
    1/69 - 1/70  
    3 mo. in 75 9 to 12

✓ Charter F.  
✓ S. Watson  
✓ E. Gatto  
✓ Scott  
✓ C. Boonstra  
✓ Bishop  
✓ Withner  
✓ Phillips  
✓ 100  
✓ 100

✓ Ammug: first defector from  
✓ newly formed DGI  
✓ generally CIA counterpart  
✓ external security @ CI  
✓ function.

✓ circumstances of defection:  
    I got in after it was  
    running.  
    jumped airplane in  
    Canada while in - transit  
    to back

Significance: first insight into DGI - all previous had been on G-2, which had been directed mainly at Cub. exiles.

Learned DGI more sophisticated than ever suspected.

first hand info on DGI + it was accurate - some identities + intell. roles confirmed.

Dictionary of Cuban Intell terms including phrases used to ID activities + tools of trade.

was used subsequently to recruit other Cubans - doesn't recall effectiveness, good indication of bona fides.

✓ first met <sup>A-1</sup> in summer 64.

✓ assigned to hand-hold <sup>A-1</sup> to maintain contact to see he is accommodated + providing companionship + escort duty.

✓ 2. debriefing.

standard procedure - "milk him for everything he has."

length of debriefing -

count recall - several months concentrated  
gestimate 4 - 6 mo.

doesn't recall last contact  
at A-1 — prior to  
transfer to WAVE. ('66)

other handlers & debriefers:

Swenson

Hidalgo

Piccolo

Dan Flores.

component responsible

SAS / CI

other responsibilities:

work against Cuban Int.

✓ services

doubling agents could have  
occurred.

*✓* Swenson was direct superior.

DES - no bells

Chuck describes situation.

✓ most likely find it in sections dealing in positive intelligence sections.

responsibility feel on every ops officer.

✓ doubts such section in WH, would usually be part of project or program.

Canade debriefing? yes.

✓ info generated + form?:

doesn't recall initial but probably read.

initial objectives

Dir + I S data so can ck out rundown on people + organization of DGI.

✓ rest on positive intell needs - + names of others who might want to play ball.

form:

mostly notes (contemporaneous)

SOP is write report from notes - held onto notes for while + then destroy

TERESA  
PRONZIA

discussed  
by [unclear]

✓ reports filed by how ran  
case, largely depended on  
the subject, crypt, personality,  
by debriefing report -  
instead of known name -  
initially held in working office.  
Hold info tight cause advantage  
lies in surprise & keeping enemy  
in dark about what you know  
so hold tight tell ops you  
want going.

✓ Hard to say where filed now.

✓ info on LHO & DGI contacts.  
✓ doesn't recall reports - not  
info provided to Piccolo.

✓ S, H or F never indicated so -  
to P's knowledge he does  
not know if A-1 did give  
info on LHO

✓ special Intelligence? - "depends on  
how you come across it"  
✓ info from a sensitive source -  
usually means interception  
of communication  
Signal Intelligence - from Radar  
wave, radar.

was not elsewhere. Special unit in agency handles.  
✓ Division D. - always special group kept apart.

" if any one on HQ <sup>encl of</sup> mcs had found a photo it would have been [Charlotte]"

✓ grapevine - do hear of comp but rarely get whole story.

✓ speculates that select photos would have been sent to HQ of United photos of American appearing males. & someone found it here then

EE 237 not face he saw but a certain time passage etc

✓ would be type of thing to go through grapevine comp - it doesn't hurt anyone

A-1 operational use  
debriefed - DGT, personalities,  
positive int - recruitment  
approaches -

✓ know last op use.

last heard he was [in Miami]  
adjusted well to new life.

✓ attempt penetrate Cuban  
Mexi?

No. - to his knowledge.

cue ] doesn't  
etc. recall  
wasn't working on Mexi

"angle" in '63

01 ]- [ 24 ]

CI/SIG → not off hand.

might have dealt @ ciphers  
etc cause ~~deals~~ implies  
Special Intelligence Group  
or Signals "

✓ '65 targeted about "every  
Cuban down there"

NO shown.

doesn't recall seeing  
info - familiar

Vega - black he thinks -  
pain in ass to surveil.

Rodriguez - no recollection

Louisa negative.

no red-hair

Policarpo - negative

Molina - negative but familiar

10A.BAY.

O 5/7/64 memo shown  
paras 3 & 4.

didn't see

Luisa still negative.

how determine whether  
Cubemb. employee was  
recruited by CIA:

NAMS TRACE.

201 would indicate / OA records.]